(b) whether the Government are considering to increase the amount of scholarship in view of the souring prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The Central assistance released to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Central Assistance Released
1994-95	96.35
1995-96	144.86
1996-97	179.93

(b) and (c) The maintenance allowance rates under the scheme have already been increased by about 50% in case of professional and technical courses and by about 30% in case of non-professional and non-technical courses, with effect from 1.10.1995.

[English]

Setting up of Agri. Market

2197. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has set up a "Agri Market" in the State;

(b) if so, the details of such markets in the country, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to set up such markets in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of regulated markets set up in different States including Karnataka, are given in the attached Statement.

(c) Except Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Manipur and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep, all the States have enacted Agricultural Produce Market Acts.

However, the Government is pursuing with the States/ Union Territories that have not yet enacted legislation for regulation of agricultural produce markets, to enact their legislation at the earliest.

Statement

Number of Wholesale Assembling and Regulated Markets as on 31.3.1997

S. No.	State/UT	Wholesale Market	Regulated Principal	Markets/ Sub-Markets	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	823	244	579(1)	823
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	172	15	19	34
4.	Bihar	*443	122	706	828
5.	Goa	11	1	4	5
6.	Gujarat	384	154	225	379
7.	Haryana	275	100	175	275
8.	H.P.	35	8	27	35
9.	J & K	26		APMR Act not yet passed	
10.	Karnataka	462	133	329	462
11.	Kerala	348	5	-	5(2)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	607	296	311	607
13.	Maharashtra	829	258	571	829

1	2	3	4	5	6
14.	Manipur	20	-	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	101	-	-	-
16.	Mizoram	8	APMR Act not yet passed		
17.	Nagaland	16	-	-	-
18.	Orissa	163	57	87	144
19.	Punjab	670	143	527	670
20.	Rajasthan	380	123	257	380
21.	Sikkim	10	APMR Act not yet passed		
22.	Tamil Nadu	300	270	-	270
23.	Tripura	84	21	-	21
24.	Uttar Pradesh	645	262	383	645
25.	West Bengal	279	44	496	540
26.	A & N Island	-	APMR Act not yet passed		
27.	Chandigarh	3	1	2	3
28.	D & N Haveli	-	APMR Act not yet passed		
29.	Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-
30.	Delhi	25	7	10	17
31.	Lakshdweep	-	APMR Act not yet passed		
32.	Pondicherry	5	4	1	5
	Total	7134	2268	4709	6977

Note : * Figures are provisional.

1. Represents additional markets at places other than Head quarters of market committees.

[Translation]

Constitution of Hindi Advisory Committees

2198. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his ministry has constituted the Hindi Advisory Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Agricultural Universities/ Institutes/ Centres/ Undertakings/Corporations under his Ministry are using only English language in their official and research works ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up any Offical Language Implementation Committee to look into the functioning of these organisations and to nominate any non-official member in all such Committees;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether any special issue of periodicals is being published by the above organisations in the Golden Jubilee Year of Independence;

(h) if so, the details there of and the details of periodicals brought out in Hindi/English and other Languages on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and yearly basis by these organisations at persent, organisation-wise:

(i) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(j) the steps taken to make the official language a medium in agriculture education and research work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Hindi Advisory Committee has been reconstituted in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in the Ministry of